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NEWS IN BRIEF

Beutel gives priority to certain students for influenza vaccine

Because of a national shortage of the influenza vaccine, the A. P. Beutel Health Center is giving first priority for the shot to certain groups of students. Students who are pregnant, have cancer, diabetes, asthma, cardiac problems or are over the age of 50 will be allowed to receive the shot starting Oct. 11. All other students may receive the vaccine beginning Oct. 30, on a first-come, first-served basis, until the vaccine is gone. Students can make appointments to receive the shot Tuesday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The vaccine costs \$10.

Armed man sprays substance in Maryland subway

TEMPLE HILLS, Md. (AP) — An armed man sprayed a substance into a subway station Tuesday during a scuffle with police, leaving some 35 passengers and transit workers suffering from nausea, headaches and sore throats. Authorities said it did not appear to be a terrorist act. At the next train stop, additional transit police boarded, and the man pulled out a gun and fired a single shot at police. No one was hit. Police said he was also carrying a large steak knife and religious material in an unidentified language.

PUBLIC EYE

Domestic violence cases reported in the Brazos Valley in 2000

1,300

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WEATHER

TODAY

50% HIGH 86° F
LOW 70° F

TOMORROW

70% HIGH 82° F
LOW 71° F

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Williams leaves PTTS post

By AMANDA SMITH
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Assistant Vice President for Administration Bobby Bisor took the reins as the interim director of Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services (PTTS) Monday.

Bisor replaced Tom Williams, who has served as PTTS director since the department's inception. University Police Department handled parking before PTTS was created.

Bisor said he plans to look at ways to improve customer service during his interim period as director.

"In a nutshell, what I have been charged to do in the interim is to recommit the office to our customers," Bisor said. "We will be looking at customer service issues regarding delivery and performance. What that boils down to specifically right now, I cannot say. There are a number of issues out there."

PTTS reports to the vice president

for administration, and in his previous position, Bisor oversaw PTTS.

Charles Sippial, vice president for administration, said PTTS will continue to work on improvements.

"Students are our biggest customers," Sippial said.

In an email, Williams said he had "been reassigned to the office of vice president for administration," effective Monday.

Sippial declined comment on Williams' new assignment.

"It is a University policy that we cannot discuss personnel matters of a personal nature," Sippial said.

Other administrators said Tuesday that Williams will work as a project manager under Sippial, specifically assigned to manage the new pedestrian passageway project.

PTTS comprises Bus Operations and Parking Services, which oversees permit distribution, citation payment, appeals and administration.

Reveille VII celebrates birthday A&M's first lady turns 1 year old

By SOMMER BUNCE
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The Corps of Cadets' highest-ranking member turned one year old Tuesday.

Company E-2 held a birthday party for Reveille VII Tuesday night. Bred and donated by Dr. Cindi Dossart, her husband Jim Efron and breeder Nancy MacDonald, Reveille was born Oct. 9, 2000. She came to campus Feb. 16, 2001, and officially took over duties from Reveille VI at the Corp of Cadets Final Review on May 12.

Mascot corporal Javier Aguirre, a sophomore political science major, said Reveille VII is still just a pup. Aggies may have seen — and heard — their mascot barking during yell practice and football games, but Aguirre said crowds and excitement are still something new to Reveille.

"She still gets very lost in big crowds," Aguirre said. "She's a great puppy, but she's two different dogs at once. The soft side of her is adorable, but you take her from a quiet environment in the dorm to the extreme with the band, yell leaders and 80,000 fans, and she gets nervous."

Reveille VI, inducted at the Louisville game in 1993 at an age younger than Reveille VII, went through a similar puppy stage, Aguirre said.

Reveille I was brought to



GUY ROGERS • THE BATTALION

A&M in January of 1931 after a group of students hit a small black and white dog on their way back to campus from Navasota. They brought the dog back to school to care for her.

The next morning, she barked along with the bugler playing "Reveille," and the name stuck. Reveille I was named the official school mascot when she led the band onto the field at half-time the next football season. She died on Jan. 18, 1944, was given a formal military burial in Kyle Field, and was later reburied at the north entrance to the field, facing the scoreboard.

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Above: Reveille VII celebrates her first birthday with members of Company E-2 in Dorm 5. **Left:** Dean Pace, a sophomore general studies major in Company E-2, puts a party hat on Reveille VII in preparation for her birthday yesterday.

Panel: COW promotes tolerance

By TANYA NADING
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Tuesday night's religious tolerance panel, a component of Speak Out Against Hate and Coming Out Week, promoted a simple, yet complex topic: tolerance.

Dr. Barbara Finlay, director of women's studies and an associate professor of sociology wants a more proactive, positive attitude toward others.

"We need to have the knowledge, appreciation and understanding of those around us. In order to do these things, we need humanity and a genuine desire to get to know others of different groups."

"People are unaware that some of the things they do or say can be offensive and hurtful to others," said the Rev. Jo Hudson, pastor of Friends Congregational Church. "As a community we need to know people of other ethnic groups and be tolerant of them."

Being tolerant and accepting of others is the purpose behind Coming Out Week, said Beatriz Arniolas, coordinator of Gender Issues and Education Services.

"We want the right for any individual to have complete safety and dignity," Arniolas said. "Coming Out Week allows an open announcement to students who are closed off by homophobic feelings in this community. It is a venue for students to see and relate to others to make themselves feel comfortable."

Arniolas said some students get confused by Coming Out Week, and see it as a way to promote a certain sexual orientation or life style.

"We are not promoting a certain life style — we are promoting respect," Arniolas said.

Tracey Forman, chair of the Aggie Allies program, said the Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) community wants to feel welcome and accepted. The Aggie Allies program provides one venue for students who want someone to talk to.

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Al-Qaeda vows holy war against U.S.

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Osama bin Laden's spokesman on Tuesday called for a holy war against U.S. interests everywhere and said the hijackers who flew planes into the World Trade Center and Pentagon "did something good."

"America must know that the storm of airplanes will not stop, and there are thousands of young people who look forward to death like the Americans look forward to life," Sulaiman Abu Ghaith said.

The message from Abu Ghaith, delivered in Arabic, was the second statement from al-Qaeda since the launch of U.S.-led airstrikes against Afghanistan on Sunday. Bin Laden issued a videotaped message that same day, though it appeared to have been recorded before the attacks began.

Spokesman: hijackers 'did something good'

Abu Ghaith, who addressed his message "to the entire Islamic nation," said that President Bush had launched a "crusade" against Afghanistan with the launch of strikes and Muslims worldwide must respond.

Well before the attacks on Afghanistan began, Bush had called his war on terrorism a crusade, but a day later the White House apologized for using the loaded term which recalls the Christians' medieval wars against Muslims in the Holy Land.

Jihad, or holy war, "is a duty of every

Muslim if they haven't got an excuse," he said in the videotaped statement broadcast on the Arab television news station Al-Jazeera.

"The American interests are everywhere all over the world. Every Muslim has to play his real and true role to uphold his religion and his nation in fighting, and jihad is a duty," he said.

If Muslims do not take up their duty, "it will be shameful," he said. "This battle is a decisive battle between atheism and faith."

He praised the Sept. 11 attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C., saying the hijackers "did something good" and took the battle to the heart of America.

Bromley: President Bush should focus more on science, technology

By NONI SRIDHARA
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America can no longer ignore the fact that its students rank near the bottom in science and math abilities said Dr. D. Allan Bromley, a leading nuclear physicist who spoke Monday at Texas A&M.

"This is scandalous," he said. "This is something we have to fix or we are doomed. We can't expect foreign students to fill the gaps in our economy."

As part of the academic conference, "The Future of Citizen and Government Interaction in the Information Age," Bromley

spoke on the importance of science, technology and politics in the 21st century and how crucial it is that these three fields interact with one another.

Bromley, who is considered the father of heavy ion science, teaches at Yale University and was the first person to hold the

cabinet-level rank of assistant to the president for science and technology, where he increased the staff and budget of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy during his tenure from 1989 to 1993, under former President Bush.

Bromley said that in the big

picture, science and technology are relative newcomers on the world scene and there is still some skepticism surrounding new discoveries.

"More than 80 percent of Americans believe that science deserves federal support, but

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